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PHOENIX COCAINE STASH HOUSE OPERATOR SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS PRISON

PHOENIX – Rogelio Leon-Felix, 50, of Phoenix, was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge Roslyn O. Silver to 10 years in federal prison. Young pleaded guilty on August 28, 2008, to Conspiracy to Possess with the Intent to Distribute Cocaine.

In September 2007, Special Agents from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement received information that a residence in west Phoenix was being used as a drug stash house. After performing surveillance on the residence and its occupants on September 10, 2007, agents approached the residence. At that time, Leon-Felix and another individual ran out the back door, but were detained.

The other individual, Gustavo Gutierrez-Leyva, was observed holding a box which he dropped in the backyard. Inside the box was a substantial quantity of cocaine. At the residence, agents found further evidence of an ongoing drug stash house, including over 13 kilograms of cocaine, \$141,247.25 in U.S. currency, a digital scale of the type commonly used to measure illegal drugs and five firearms. Gutierrez-Leyva was previously sentenced on July 14, 2008 in federal court for his role in this crime.

The investigation in this case was conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution was handled by Michael Lee, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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